

**MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2004
1st Floor, One Civic Center**

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch
Commissioner Dick Kiesell
Commissioner Jim Pompe
Commissioner John Horwitz
Commissioner Lisa Haskell

Absent: Commissioner Wendorf

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

Guests: Richard Taylor
Don West
Robert Hughes
Gloria Earnhardt-Hughes
Ellie Stuckey
Barbara Maxwell
Charles Treat
Jo Davis
Ed Stein
Robert Poe
Eugene Purkhiser
Judy Anderson
Sol Furman
Mary Jane Cashman
Rob Millar

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:33 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF May 5, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER HORWITZ SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FOR THE 9TH
ANNUAL TREASURES AND TRASH CLEAN UP EVENT.**

Richard Taylor of the Scottsdale Pride Commission explained that the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission has been a supporter of this event since its inception nine years ago. The money requested will be used to fund shirts, hats, vests, food and water for the event. The event has averaged a collection of 6 tons of trash. The goal for collection this year is 10 tons of trash. Last year, due to a communication error, a request was not made for funding for the event. That resulted in minimal prizes for the volunteers who participated in the event.

Commissioner Kiesell asked if there were any specific target areas for this year. Mr. Taylor explained that rural areas tend to have the largest trash problems but that the clean up will be equally distributed throughout the city.

COMMISSIONER POMPE MOVED THAT THE NEC APPROVE \$4,000 TO SUPPORT THE TREASURES AND TRASH EVENT. VICE CHAIR BADENOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM
GREENSTONE HOA.**

Ellie Stuckey and Barbara Maxwell, representing the Greenstone HOA, requested that the NEC assist with funding a project to remove a metal strip that separates the grass and granite areas of the open space in their development. The strip has rusted and they feel it is not only unsightly, but a hazard to children playing in that area. The strip will be replaced with a concrete edging.

Ms. Stuckey indicated that the Greenstone HOA has recently completed painting the walls around their community and the replacement of underground water lines.

Commissioner Badenoch indicated that she had visited the site and believed that the metal strip was a hazard.

Commissioner Haskell asked if the concrete edging would help retain water in the area as well. Ms. Stuckey indicated that it might.

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COMMISSIONER BADENOCH MOVED THAT THE NEC APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$1,876.30. COMMISSIONER KIESELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Shultz asked if the Greenstone HOA has done a reserve study. Ms. Stuckey indicated that they talk about it every meeting, but one has yet to be done. Commissioner Haskell and Chairman Shultz said they thought it would be beneficial for the HOA to do that rather than continue to do special assessments for each item as it arises.

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM SANDS
EAST II TOWNHOMES.**

Don West and Bob Hughes, representing Sands East II Town homes, explained that their proposal included the removal of seven large eucalyptus trees and the clean up and replanting of two planters at the entrances to the subdivision.

Mr. West explained that there have been several incidents in which the trees have dropped branches, some of them causing traffic accidents on Indian School Road. In one case, their insurance company had to make a payout as a result of an accident where a tree branch hit a car on Indian School Road. He indicated that the trees are not attractive or appreciated and they are high water consumers. The annual maintenance cost for the trees is \$3,778.00 and maintenance requires assistance from the city police department. Limbs have also fallen onto the roof of some of the homes in the development. The residents are concerned about the upcoming monsoon season. The trees that are taken down will be replaced with more stable trees that require less maintenance.

One of the subdivision's planters is located at Pima and Indian School Roads and is considered by the residents to be one of the entrances to the city. The other planter is at 87th St and Indian School.

Commissioner Shultz asked if all of the owners that back up to the Indian School side want the trees to be removed. Mr. West indicated that to his knowledge, not one of the neighbors wants the trees to remain.

Commissioner Haskell asked if the replacement trees would grow as big as the eucalyptus. Mr. Hughes responded that the types of trees are noted in the proposal and that they would not reach the same size as the eucalyptus.

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Commissioner Badenoch stated that she would probably not be supporting the proposal. She felt that the trunks on the trees were too small, indicating that they were undernourished. She mentioned that if eucalyptus trees are deep watered before a monsoon, they should not drop branches. She said that well cared for trees provide shade and save electricity and that she was saddened to see the neglect of these trees.

Commissioner Shultz asked if the landscaper recommended trying to enrich and save the trees. Mr. West explained that it was never discussed because they are ugly, old trees.

Commissioner Haskell indicated that in her complex, they had worked hard to save the eucalyptus trees, but their insurance coverage doubled in price and the complex was told that if they had one more accident, the policy would be cancelled.

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION APPROVE \$2,500 FOR THE PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FOR THE SANDS EAST II TOWNHOMES. COMMISSIONER HORWITZ SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5-1.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM CHATEAU
DE VIE III.

Mary Jane Cashman and Sol Furman represented the Chateau de Vie III Neighborhood. Ms. Cashman indicated that the HOA did a reserve study in 1997 and have some special reserves. They just completed repaving the entire complex. The HOA is asking for \$2,500 to replace gates and wrought iron fences. Ms. Cashman indicated that the neighborhood prides itself on its upkeep but that the fences 'just got away from us'.

Mr. Furman stated that the two gates are for driveways and the fencing is in areas where they need security. The gates are locked. The fire department and maintenance have the keys. He indicated that the complex is a mile from the reservation and they have had a problem with stolen cars being abandoned in their complex. Two entrances are currently gated.

Commissioner Kiesell noted that the homes facing Granite Reef and Vista are immediately accessible with no fencing. He asked if the community has ever considered just taking down the iron fences. He mentioned that he thinks this is more about aesthetics than security.

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Mr. Furman said that they have not considered taking the iron down. He stated that the gates on Vista are locked and that anyone who wants to come inside the property has to currently drive around the entire property.

Ms. Cashman indicated that they have had problems in the past with hood ornaments being stolen and kids' school papers being left on the property. She noted that older people in the complex are not used to looking for kids when backing up their vehicles.

Chairman Shultz questioned whether there is the intention of gating the property at a later date. The representatives indicated that there is not.

Commissioner Badenoch asks for a point of order and explains that her daughter and son-in-law have just moved into the property. She asked if she should recuse herself from voting in this instance. If not, Commissioner Badenoch MOVED THAT THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00.

Chairman Shultz indicated that he felt Commissioner Badenoch was able to be fair and objective regarding the matter and asked other commission members for their opinion. Commissioner Kiesell indicated that he had no objections regarding Vice Chair Badenoch's objectivity.

COMMISSIONER HORWITZ SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5-1.

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM SANDS
SCOTTSDALE TOWNHOMES I/II.**

Jo Davis, Chuck Treat and Ed Stein represented the homeowners' association in requesting \$2,500.00 to remove some of the grass at their complex and replace it with desert landscaping. The homeowners' association shows that 60% of the total assessments are used for water and landscaping and that \$30,000 went toward water last year alone. This proposal would allow the complex to conserve water. It is estimated that by replacing the grass area behind the pool, it will save \$100 a month in water bills.

Commissioner Kiesell asked if this area is a play area and is told that no one used the area. There are two shuffleboard courts in that area that also don't get used. Commissioner Kiesell commends the HOA for switching to xeriscape.

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COMMISSIONER HORWITZ MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00. COMMISSIONER KIESELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM CAMELLO VISTA.**

Judy Anderson, the property manager for Camello Vista, indicated that the proposal is to assist in the installation of three new water meters. This will allow for the differentiation in rates for water for potable and non-potable water the property is currently using. The water is currently all billed at a potable water rate.

Commissioner Kiesell asked if this measure would allow the complex to conserve water. Ms. Anderson indicated that it would not result in water conservation.

Commissioner Kiesell then asked what the benefit to the community would be. Ms. Anderson said it would help make the water flow better.

Chairman Shultz questioned whether that was information coming from city staff. Ms. Anderson indicated that it was from city staff and the contractor Del Rey. Chairman Shultz stated that he didn't believe potable and non-potable water can flow through the same meter and asked if the project would move through without this funding.

Ms. Anderson said that it was possible for the project to move through but the property was faced with several issues including lighting, fencing and pool decking and is hoping for some help.

Commissioner Kiesell indicated that he felt there were too many unanswered questions in regard to the need for the water meters and how the water was being metered currently. Chairman Shultz agreed asking for more information from the city in regard to the issue.

**COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED THAT THE PROPOSAL BE TABLED FOR
MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWERS. COMMISSIONER POMPE SECONDED THE
MOTION. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM MISSION
DE LOS ARROYOS CONDOS.**

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Robert Poe and Gene Purkhiser represented the Mission de los Arroyos Condos and indicated that their proposal was for the removal of juniper plants throughout the complex. He stated that the plants consume a considerable amount of water. The complex overhauled the water lines last year at a cost of \$7000.00. Installation of new water meters are also a part of the proposal. It is estimated that the proposal will save approximately \$200 per month in water costs.

Vice Chair Badenoch questioned whether or not they are replacing all the grass in the complex with this proposal and was told that grass will only be replaced where the sprinklers are going onto the asphalt. Mr. Poe indicated that the complex also faces issues with chimney caps and patio leaks and are looking at expenses in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to repair those problems. He also indicated that residents were notified about the plan through notices and meetings.

VICE CHAIR BADENOCH MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00. COMMISSIONER KIESELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES.

Commissioner Horwitz commented in regard to Vice Chair Badenoch's concern about the eucalyptus trees, that he did not feel an organization would be willing to change their proposal at the point that they are in front of the commission. He asked if there was a way that something could be done when the applications come in. Perhaps suggestions could be made at that time.

Mr. Keagy and Ms. Mead reported on the balance of the commission's account. After tonight's expenditures and holding in abeyance the money for the Camello proposal, the commission has \$12,935.19.

Commissioner Pompe questioned that amount and it was explained there are projects that have been approved and are pending payment. Other projects for \$500 or less don't come before the commission.

Commission discussed spending the remaining money. Commissioner Kiesel indicated that there will be cases coming in before the end of the fiscal year and that leaving some money available to assist with those would be worthwhile.

Chairman Shultz stated that he would like to see money put toward a tree planting program or some kind of landscaping program that would be in addition to the Rock the House program.

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Ms. Mead explained that they are looking into some type of program that would allow for some additional landscaping assistance. It has not been determined how the grants would be distributed or what the qualifications would be.

Commissioner Haskell indicated that she had seen a presentation about this program at the Scottsdale Pride meeting. She also mentioned that she had talked to Lowe's and Home Depot about offering discounts to those participating in the program. She will pass the information on to Ms. Mead so that she can follow up with the store managers.

Chairman Shultz indicated that in Mesa, Home Depot does offer 20% discount for these types of programs.

Staff asked for clarification on agenda items for the next meeting. It was determined that the Commission would like to hear from the City water department regarding what they tell residents when discussing conservation efforts. The commission would also like to hear from Mike Mahoney.

NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting date will be July 21, 2004, at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.